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SUBJ: TARAHI TALKS FOR NIRT

SUMMARY: AFGHANISTAN PRESIDENT TARAHI CALLS FOR EXPANSION OF  
EXISTING FRIENDLY RELATIONS, VOWS TO ROOT OUT OPPOSITION TO  
HIS REGIME AND HOPES IRAN WILL INCREASE ITS ASSISTANCE TO  
AFGHANISTAN. TARAHI PLEDGED AFGHANISTAN WILL NOT BE A PARTY  
TO ANY AMILITARY BLOCK AND WILL ADHERE TO THE PRINCIPLES OF  
NON-ALIGNMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. IN AN INTERVIEW WITH IRAN'S NATIONAL RADIO AND TELEVISION  
REPORTER RELEASED OVER WEEKEND AND GIVEN PRESS PLAY JULY 23,  
AFGHANISTAN PRESIDENT TARAHI MADE NUMBER OF POINTS GIVEN BELOW.  
FULL PERSIAN TEXT OF INTERVIEW BEING POUCHED KABUL AND DEPT.

2. RELATIONS WITH IRAN-TARAHI CALLED FOR THE EXPANSION OF  
EXISITING FRIENDLY RELATIONS AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT GOI  
WOULD NOT ONLY CONTINUE ITS ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO  
AFGHANISTAN BUT WOULD FURTHER EXPAND IT. "WE WANT  
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CORDIAL RELATIONS WITH IRAN BASED ON PRINCIPLES OF NON-  
INTERFERENCE IN THE DOMESTIC AFFAIRS OF EACH IN RESPECT  
TO THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND INDEPENDENCE BETWEEN THE  
TWO COUNTRIES." LOCAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEHRAN JOURNAL  
NOTED JULY 23 THAT POLITICAL OBSERVERS HERE WELCOMED WHAT  
IT DESCRIBED AS "TARAHI'S FRIENDLY GESTURES".

3. OTHER INTERNAL RELATIONS-TARAKI SAID AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN WERE BOTH FACED WITH THE ISSUE OF PUSHTUNS IN PAKISTAN. HE STATED HIS HOPE THAT THE ISSUE WOULD BE RESOLVED THROUGH FRIENDLY NEGOTIATIONS. TARAKI ALSO SAID THAT AFGHANISTAN WILL AVOID JOINING MILITARY ALLIANCES AND WILL ADHERE TO THE PRINCIPLES OF NON-ALIGNMENT.

4. INTERNAL AFGHANISTAN POLITICS-PRESIDENT VOWED TO ROOT OUT OPPOSITION TO HIS THREE-MONTH-OLD REGIME AND SAID HE CONSIDERED "REACTIONARIES AND AGENTS OF IMPERIALISM" HIS ENEMIES WHO WERE SEEKING TO BLOCK THE ENFORCEMENT OF "SOCIALISTIC PRINCIPLES". INTERVIEW SINGLED OUT PARCHAM FACTION FOR SHARP ATTACK, NOTING THAT "THERE NEVER WAS A PARCHAM PARTY AND THERE ISN'T ONE NOW." TARAKI SAID PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC PARTY HAS ENGINEERED THE APRIL COUP WHICH TOPPLED PRESIDENT DAOUD SINGLE HANDEDLY. TARAKI CLAIMED HIS PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC PARTY WAS THE SOLE POLITICAL ORGANIZATION IN AFGHANISTAN.  
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